[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Curator says that no copies of the manuscripts of his office have been sold by any Pandit on his staff. At the request of some institutions such as the Madras Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, the Calcutta University and such others as are engaged in the revival of Sanskrit learning, copies of a few manuscripts have been made at their cost and supplied to them.

(*b*) The Curator has used his spare time in editing a rare work on *silpasastra* the manuscripts of which were sent to him by the Government of His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda. He says that he had the oral permission of the late Dewan Mr. M. Krishnan Nair to do this.

Touring Work of the Curator.

92. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state for how many days the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts was on circuit in 1097?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Curator did not do any touring during 1097.

Copyright of Commentary on Kautilya's Arthasastra.

93. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts has applied for the copyright of a commentary on Kautilya's *Arthasastra*; and

(*b*) whether the Government have made a gift to the Curator of five hundred copies of Kautilya's *Arthasastra*?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 250 copies of the book are to be given to Mr. Ganapati Sastri free of cost. 250 copies more of the book are to be printed in the Government Press and supplied to him, the quantity of paper required for the purpose being supplied by him and the striking and binding charges being also borne by him.

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